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PUTTING HIM AT HIS EASE.

Papa (who used a bad word when he tore his trousers): I FORGOT MYSELF THEN, SAMMY. IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO SAY SUCH A WORD.

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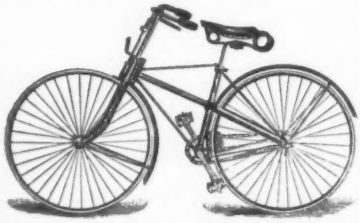

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PATERFAMILIAS (*in pajama, thermometer* 95): Pat, have you packed all my things for the seashore?

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A PROPOSAL.

Mr. G. Hackensack Dumley (who has long been waiting an opportunity, thinks his time has come at last): ER—MISS EVANGELINE—ER—UM—HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE BURIED IN OUR PLOT?

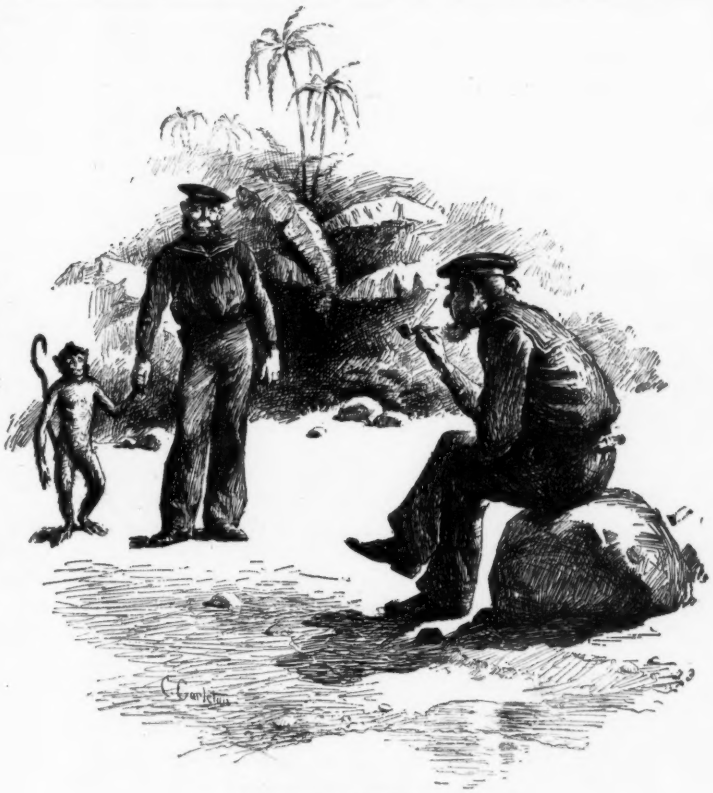
WHY MISS LE GRANDE DECIDED NOT TO BATHE.

POSSIBLY.

IT is said that one of the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum is something of a poet; not a frivolous poet who sings of Love and Nature, and subjects of like wickedness, but an earnest poet with a more serious object.

The following exquisite couplet reveals the gentle beauties of a lofty soul whose ruling passion is to better the condition of his fellow creatures:

A curse upon you, Workman!
There's evil in your heart
If on the Sabbath day you wish
To look on works of art.



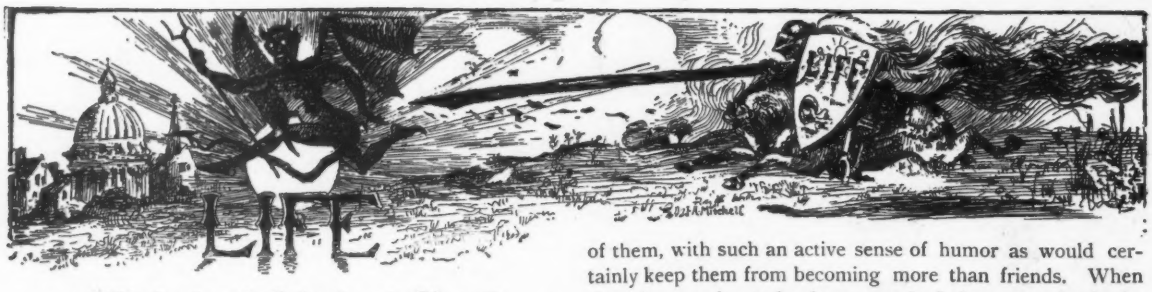
AN EASY CAPTURE.

Boatswain: HOW D' YER KETCH HIM, BILL?

Bill: DIDN'T KETCH HIM. HE WALKED RIGHT UP TO ME AN' ASKED ME HOW I GOT MY TAIL CUT OFF.

OF WORLDWIDE FAME.

NATIVE (*on South coast of Africa, to shipwrecked sailor*): Say, are you McGinty?



"While there's Life there's Hope."
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IN the absence of any very recent disquisition upon marriage from Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps-Ward, the most eminent contemporary tinkerers of that time-honored institution continue to be Tolstoi and Mona Caird. Tolstoi howls from his sick room that the whole institution is rotten and sinful; but Tolstoi is so palpably hipped that his anathemas are hardly profitable to discuss. Mona Caird's theories it is at least possible to consider. Since her general indictment of marriage brought her notoriety, she has stuck faithfully to the subject, and has not ceased to form and express her views. She may be revolutionary, but at least she is intelligent enough about it to get a hearing. She doesn't believe in the modification of marriage by petty changes in the laws, nor yet in its abolishment. She believes in marriage by private contract. She thinks that people should be allowed, under gradually lessening restrictions, to make their own marriage bargain, and she believes that they would stick to bargains that they chaffered over for themselves a good deal more successfully than to such as they pick up ready-made. It seems that Mona Caird's marriages would be partnerships terminable according to the conditions of the contract, at proper intervals, or by mutual consent at any-time, as other partnerships are.

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THE objections to such a plan are manifold—rather more manifold, we think, than the objections to marriage as it is—which is saying a good deal, of course. For one thing, making the best of a marriage is a form of discipline that is often of the highest value to the character; but few people would be at much pains to improve themselves in just that way if marriage should cease to be even theoretically permanent.

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BUT perhaps the most striking objection to Mona Caird's plan is that it would so complicate courtship. At present the custom is to get married first, and settle the conditions after the fact. No man and woman discusses like sane beings how much they will marry. Such a discussion would only be possible to two sophisticated humans endowed, both of them, with such an active sense of humor as would certainly keep them from becoming more than friends. When there is marrying to be done some body has got to be in the deadest earnest about it. Marriage may result when both parties are in dead earnest, or where one is in earnest and one acquiescent, or where the friends or relatives are in earnest and both the parties are acquiescent. But it may be doubted if people in sufficient command of their wits and their sense of humor to discuss comfortably whether they had better marry at all, and if so for how long and to what extent, are in a state desperate enough to warrant their entering the marriage state at all. *Punch's* advice was meant for such as they, and they would take it. Courtship, as at present conducted, is as though the man who had gained by persuasive arts a measure of the woman's confidence, led her out to the end of a pier. The water is deep-blue, and you can't see the bottom. He invites her to jump in with him, and it depends upon the degree of satisfaction she finds in his company, and her opinion of his ability to fetch her ashore whether she complies. Mona Caird would have her say: "I will not jump off here where it is over my head, but if you will come nearer the shore, where the water is not above my knees, perhaps I may jump off with you there; then if we don't like it we can wade ashore." But then the man would say: "No! wading is not swimming. There are plenty of girls who are willing to be sisters to me, but what I am after is a wife."

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EVERYBODY knows—everybody, that is, except Mona Caird—that Woman is not a good hand at an ante-nuptial bargain. When once she makes up her mind to jump off the dock with her man, she doesn't care to take soundings. It is sink or swim then, and the deeper the better. Marriage is the bargain the law makes for her. It may be a faulty one, but it is incalculably better than she would make if left to herself. Perhaps she may grow warier as the eons accumulate. Who can tell?

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THE mistake of throwing Tolstoi's unpleasant little books out of the mails lies in this—that the fault of the book lies not in obscenity, but in the suspicion that it is bad religion. When Tolstoi teaches that marriage is vile, and that Christ condemned it, he is open to the suspicion of preaching false doctrine. But we don't suppress books in this country because they are bad doctrine, and Mr. Wanamaker should explain to his young men that such is the case, and that therein lies one of the differences between the United States and Russia. The whole aim and effect of Tolstoi's book is to induce the restraint of human passions. It is absurd to call such a book obscene.

Undesirable Suitor: AND THEN, YOU KNOW, LOVE IS BLIND.
She (sweetly): HE MUST BE, OR HE'S AN AWFUL FOOL.

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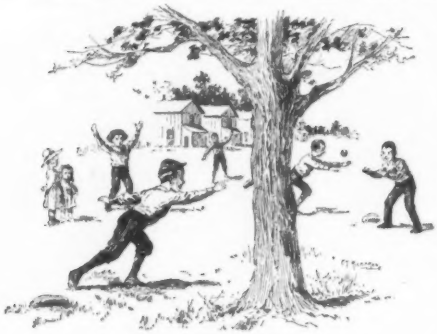

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AT LIFE'S VILLAGE.

The Event of the Day.

REVULSION.

THE very bones of me rebel,
I cannot be resigned;
I am so all too tired to tell
Of being so refined.
My instincts are too nasty nice,
I'd rather be more brute,
And not so easy to disgust,
And difficult to suit.

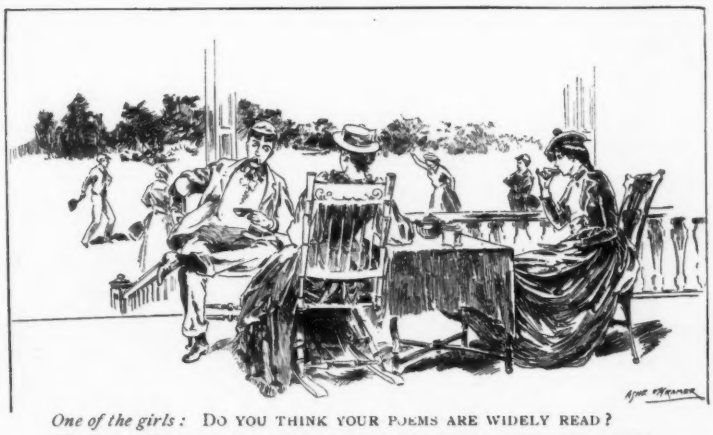
My fun is all a razor-edge
And needle-point affair
That hasn't any viscera;
My very woes are spare
And decorous, and qualified;
A robust grief to me,
With groans and tears, and takings-on
Would be a luxury.

I vow I'm going to learn to chew—
And navy-plug, what's more!
I'm going to wear a gingham shirt,
And spit right on the floor.
Cravats and collars I'll abjure,
A slouch shall be my hat;
My diet, pork with cabbage (boiled),
And beer—bock-beer at that.

I'll learn to drive a speedy nag,
And laugh a boisterous laugh;
To down men bluntly in debate,
Or shut them up with chaff.
I'd go to Congress if I could,
And since I can't go there,
I'll gladly be an alderman,
Or even run for mayor!

I cannot stand it any more,
My culture's not the stuff,
For though it's pretty to be nice,
It's wholesome to be tough.
Perhaps when I've grown coarser-grained
I'll have less cause to sigh
At finding that my fellows have
So much more fun than I.

Edward S. Martin.



One of the girls: DO YOU THINK YOUR POEMS ARE WIDELY READ?
The Poet: YES; NEARLY EVERY EDITOR IN THE COUNTRY READS THEM.

A HARD PROBLEM.

"PA, is Harrison a good man?"

STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN: Yes, my son.

"Pa, don't the good die young?"

STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN: Yes, my son.

"Pa, why didn't Harrison die young?"

STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN (*in anguish*): I don't know, my son, why he didn't.

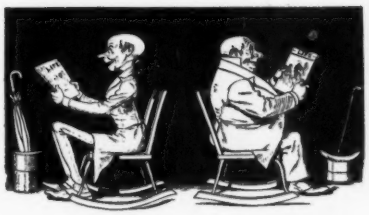
THE LAND OF LIBERTY.

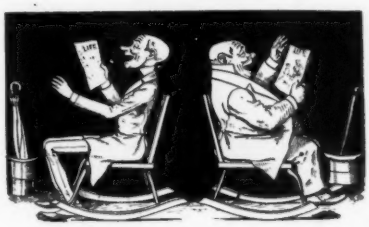
EXCITED CITIZEN: Officer! Officer! A man has just jumped off of that pier.

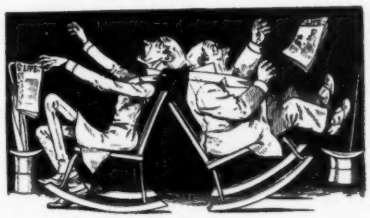
POLICEMAN (*who can't swim*): Well, there ain't no law agin bathin' with clothes on, is there?

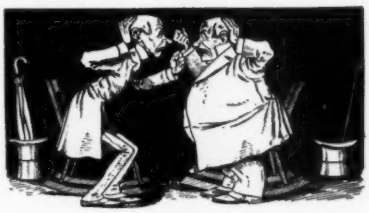
He: THE TROUBLE WITH JACK IS THAT HIS INCOME IS SO LARGE HE CAN'T SPEND IT ALL.
She: WHY DOESN'T HE BECOME A HARVARD STUDENT, THEN?

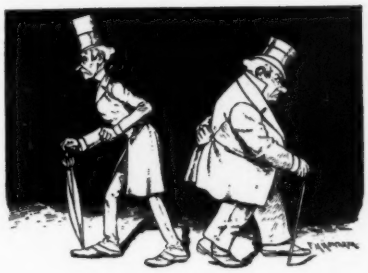
A GOOD JOKE.











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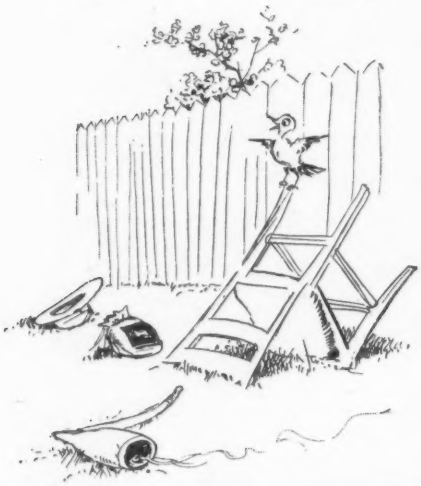
S ONE IN THE SURF.

LIFE'S PRIMER.

A JUDICIOUS use of this book will lighten the toil of the teacher, and at the same time awaken in the pupil a desire for knowledge that will be as far reaching as it is permanent.

A Inn.

A In-jun.



George has been smok-ing a strong pipe.
Did the pipe make George strong, too?
Oh, yes; the pipe made George strong, too.
The bird sings in the tree.

(Spelling words.)
BARK. DOG-WOOD.

See the man.
He is try-ing to pull on his boots.
Are his boots tight?
No, but the man is tight.

ON THE UNEASY ATLANTIC.

Colonel B., of Kentucky (waking up suddenly): I S'POSE ALL IS LOST, BUT IT AIN'T SECH A TERRIBLE THING TO DROWN, AFTER ALL.

A "CONSTANT READER" WRITES US FROM JERSEY REGARDING HIS SUCCESS IN RAISING DRAGON FLIES FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF THE MOSQUITO. THE RESULT WAS NOT AS GRATIFYING AS HE COULD HAVE WISHED, FOR IT CONSISTED CHIEFLY OF A DOCTOR'S BILL FOR HIS BOY'S CONVULSIONS. JERSEY STILL HOLDS THE MOSQUITO CAKE.

The Visitor: BUT WHY BECOME ENGAGED IF YOU NEVER MEANT TO MARRY HIM?
In the Hammock: BECAUSE HE IS SO SENSITIVE. YOU KNOW IT MORTIFIES A MAN MUCH MORE TO BE REFUSED THAN TO HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT BROKEN.

THE GREATER INCLUDES THE LESS.

PEDESTRIAN: Will you kindly tell me, sir, what place this is?

NATIVE: This is Chicago.

PEDESTRIAN: Ah, yes! Thank you; and now could you tell me if I am anywhere near the State of Illinois?

THE LABOR QUESTION:—"Is it six o'clock yet?"

INCREDULOUS.

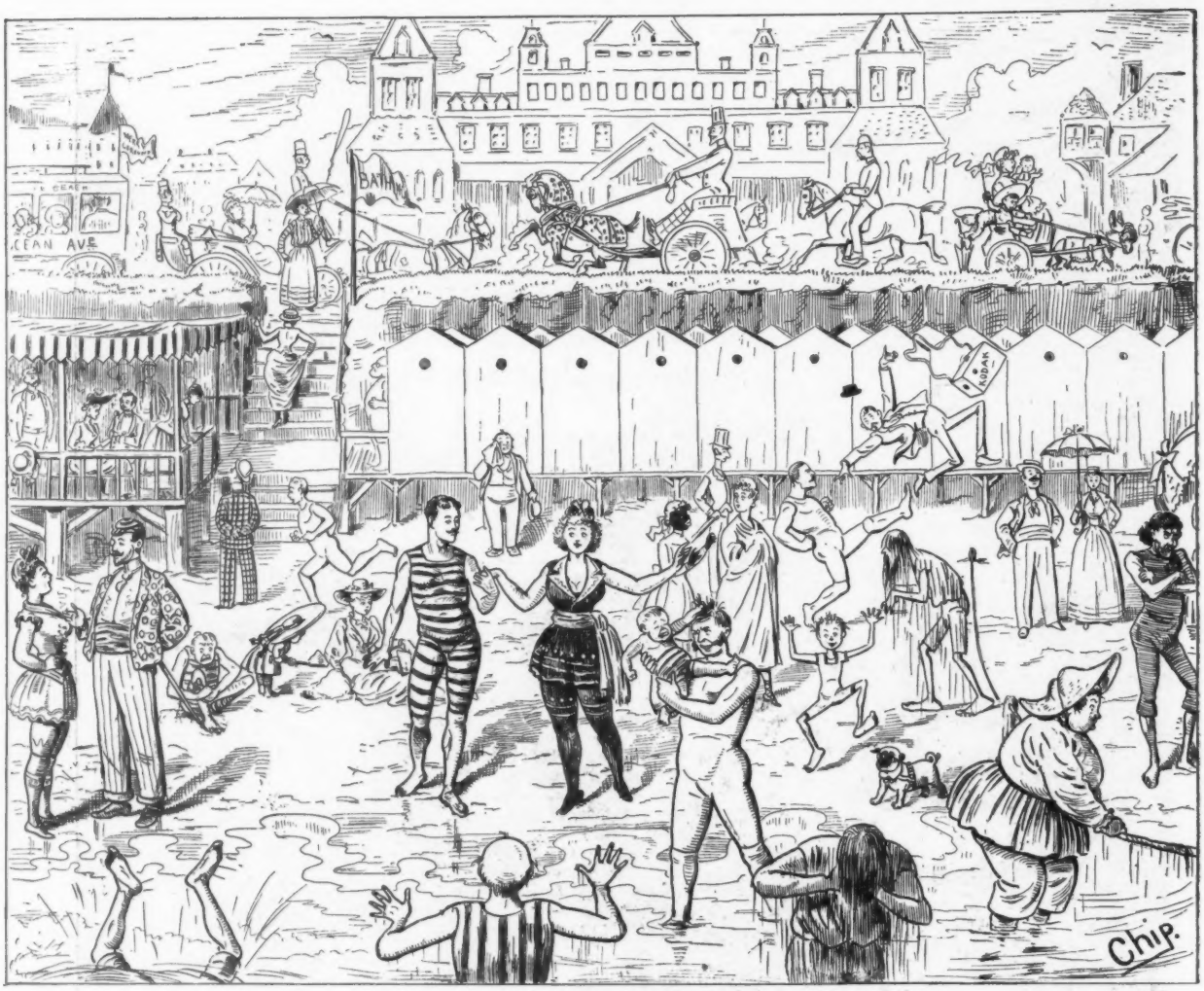
MRS. MADISON SQUARE: Did you read about that messenger boy who ran away from home?

MR. MADISON SQUARE: Yes. I don't believe it.

MRS. MADISON SQUARE: Why?

MR. MADISON SQUARE: What! *ran?*

PREPARED FOR THE WURST—? ? ? ? ?



ON THE JERSEY COAST.

A LAST HOPE.

[TO HENRY M. STANLEY.]

O, THESEUS of our modern day,
Who, with no thread to guide you,
Have traced your labyrinthine way,
Where wood and marsh defied you—

Would you attempt a greater task,
Your other labors crowning?
Then try to find, we humbly ask,
Your way through Robert Browning.

But if, like us, *you* find no clue
To each obscure, vague stanza,
In mercy drop the book into
Victoria Nyanza.

Anna J. McKeag.

HE WAS COUNTED.

"I DON'T see anything freaky about you," said a visitor to a dime museum to one of the exhibits. "What's your specialty?"

"I'm the man who wasn't missed by the census enumerators."

THE EMOLUMENT.

"I UNDERSTAND the President wants a typewriter," said a young lady to Secretary Halford. "What is the salary?"

"There is no salary," replied Elijah, "but the incumbent is let in on the ground floor in real estate speculations."

CAPITAL FUN—Being a U. S. Senator.

AVT SCISSORS AVT NVLLVS

THE BLUSHING HABIT.

WHY should the maid endowed with grace,
In youthful beauty's pride,
Whene'er a blush comes to her face
Feel strangely mortified?
What's fairer than a maiden's blush,
Of innocence the boon,
As radiant as the rosy flush
Upon the face of June?
Sweet maid, be not ashamed to blush;
'Twill all too soon be gone;
Some future day you'll use a brush
And pink to put it on.—*New York Press.*

THERE is really no tangible objection to violent plaid trousers, except they keep one constantly wondering whose move it is.—*Washington Post.*

HOUSTON (*of Texas*): I've finally settled that five hundred dollars I've owed Hank Jones for so long.

MRS. HOUSTON: I'm so glad! But where did you get the money?

HOUSTON: Didn't have no money; I just shot Jones.—*Harper's Bazar.*

A LOT of men were playing poker at Delmonico's the other night. The party got a little hungry and ordered some sandwiches. They came, a small but appetizing plate; also the bill, $14. Shortly afterward a quiet gentleman asked the waiter to pass him another sandwich.

"All gone, sir," was the reply.

The quiet gentleman beckoned to the waiter and said in a confidential way:

"All gone?"

"Yes, sir."

"Go down stairs and order some more."

"How many, sir?"

"Well," said the gentleman, thoughtfully glancing at the bill and the empty plate, "as I am quite hungry, I should say about $2,000 worth."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

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GOOD MINISTER: No matter. I have had myself appointed a missionary to the heathen, and will soon be in the pay of the Board of Missions.

"Eh! Air ye goin' to Africa?"

"No, I shall stay right here."—*New York Weekly.*

MRS. WINKS: What kind of a girl have you now?

MRS. MINKS: A very nice one; ever so much nicer than the others. She doesn't seem to object to having us live in the house with her at all.—*Wasp.*

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SMALL BOY: My sister Mary.—*Exchange.*

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"Well, George, who is your favorite candidate to-day?"

The colored brother named the man for whom he was going to vote, and, to the grief of his former employer, it was not the name of Colonel Higginson that he gave.

"You don't mean to say, George," said the colonel's friend, "that you are going to vote that way? Why, I should think that your sense of honor and of gratitude would lead you to cast your ballot for a man who has done so much as Colonel Higginson has for you and for all the people of your race."

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"Necessary? Guess so, stranger. He was the only man in these parts who could make a hangman's knot."—*Exchange.*

ELLA: Why, Maude, aren't you coming in to-day?

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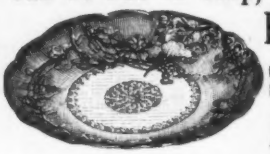

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